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Classified By: by Pol M/C W. Michael Meserve per (1.4b, d).

1.(C) Political Officer delivered reftel demarche to MOFA's UN Planning and Administration Division Deputy Director Hideki Masuo on our desire for Japan's support for the U.S candidate for the UN Appeal Tribunal, Judge Mark B. Painter. Masuo replied that it is Japanese policy not to indicate in advance of an actual election whom it would support, but that Judge Painter's credentials are impressive and he would be carefully considered.
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